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BOOTLEGERS COME TO GRIEF IN CITY

OFFICERS MAKE BIG BAIL ON OREGON STREET SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY LOCATE LARGER CACHE

TOTAL FINES AMOUNT \$1,000

Three Violators Enter County Treasurer—One Strong Drink Man Goes to Jail for 30 Days of Reflection.

The biggest capture of violators of the liquor laws to take place in Ontario occurred Saturday when City Marshall Harry Farmer gathered in John Thomas, Richard Moss and L. B. Teter of Ontario and Henry Weidner of Payette, Idaho.

The arrest of several members of the party took place on Oregon Street about 10:30 Saturday evening when they stopped with a car in which Weidner had driven from the interior. In the car was found five gallons of Sherry wine and a dozen bottles of beer. A young man who was found with the car was sufficiently frightened to "come thru" and confessed to the location of the remainder of the load which had been cached on the Wilson ditch south of the city. This was found by Marshall Farmer Sunday morning after a short search. In the cache was found 14 kegs each containing 4 gallons of whiskey which to current prices would have sold for \$16,000, so the officers say.

When Marshall Farmer arrested Weidner the latter tried to palm himself off as a government official and flashed a badge on the marshall. This he was not able to make it stick and later he confessed his complicity in the traffic.

Possession of the liquor was the cause of the trouble for Richard Moss for to him some of the Weidner funds was being delivered. Similar troubles worried L. B. Teter and for which he will stay in jail for 30 days.

Thomas, and Moss were given a hearing before Judge C. M. Stearns Sunday and were fined \$350 and \$400 respectively. On Monday Weidner was assessed \$250 and on Tuesday Teter was given 30 days in jail. The fines were all paid.

Frank Zeller was also arrested and charged with having liquor in his possession, his partner having pled guilty to the charge. Zeller was arraigned this morning before Judge C. M. Stearns and entered a plea of not guilty. His trial was set for Monday.

ONTARIO'S FOURTH IS QUIETEST IN YEARS

eat on Monday Keepersway 333 Heat on Wednesday keeps folks off Street—Blue Band Concert in City Park in the Evening

A visitor to Ontario yesterday would never have suspected that it was July 4th. Except for the presence of the on many buildings and a few Red White and Blue sunshades there was nothing to indicate that the day was out of the ordinary, unless it was the scarcity of the people on the street. So quiet was the day that the few persons who did venture down town hurried home for some excitement.

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"Hello Girls", and Their Bosses And Their Bosses' Wives, Picnic

Yesterday was the day the "Hello Girls" of Ontario, Nyssa and Vale had looked forward to for some weeks, and oh, how they did enjoy themselves.

Early in the morning chaperoned by the Hello Bosses, and their wives they assembled in Ontario to receive orders from manager J. M. Lewis of the Malheur Home Telephone company, and with autos they embarked for the picnic grounds 12 miles up the Payette river. While there they forgot all about the



Photo by American Press Association. MAJOR GENERAL HUGH L. SCOTT.

To represent the United States Army on the commission to Russia, President Wilson selected General Scott, the highest official of that branch of the service. General Scott is as famous as a peacemaker as he is a fighter. His record in both departments is unexcelled.

JUDGE BIGGS HEARS DRAINAGE ARGUMENT

Objectors, to, Assessment, Declares Finding of County Court is not a Decree—Directors Hold It Is

If the order of the County Court in the matter of benefits accruing to property under the Malheur Drainage District is a decree, the property owners objecting to findings waited too long to file their objections in detail.

This as the view was taken of the case by Attorney J. W. McCulloch in arguing the case before Judge Dalton Biggs last Friday at the city hall. Attorney C. McGonagill argued that the order of the county court was not a decree therefore it was not necessary to file a complete record with the stipulated time for appeals from decrees. Both attorneys argued at some length and the Judge announced that he would take the matter under advisement.

The case was brought by J. H. Seaward and L. D. Gordon who declare that the measure of benefits awarded them does not exist. The fact that the suit was pending had a great deal to do with the failure of the directors of the district to secure a favorable offer for the bonds. It is understood that with the suit disposed of the directors will receive such an offer from local financial interests.

While the Court was in session Friday judgment was awarded claimants against the Crystal District Land Company on labor liens.

MORE MATERIAL ARRIVES FOR RED CROSS WORKERS

Five hundred yards of gauze, and several bolts of muslin arrived this week at the Red Cross headquarters to be made up into the various articles assigned the Ontario Chapter. The pile of materials is a large one and Mrs. E. M. Greig declared this morning that it would take a long time to make up the goods on hand.

"number" and were pleasant to everyone and to themselves and it was a patriotic party too. Besides the members of the local force headed by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. Among those present were manager and Mrs. Frank Anderson of Caldwell, Manager and Mrs. Walter Powers and family, of Vale, Miss Georgia Dennis and Miss Ethel Richey of Nyssa, Miss Mahle Caldwell was one of the member of the local staff who "stayed on the job."

NO OIL FOR STREETS —MUST USE WATER

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR SESSION AND CONSIDERS A HOST OF MATTERS DURING HOT EVENING

W. L. TURNER IS APPOINTED

May Dig Well From Which to Secure Water for Street Sprinkling—Sidewalk and Sewer Connections Subject of Discussion.

There is an organization in the city that can't take a vacation even in hot weather. It is the City Council. Of course individual members will seek cooler regions and make the getting of a quorum difficult but the council will go on all summer just the same.

The city fathers met Monday evening at the Council chamber sans coats, sans collars and transacted a grist of business.

Having been informed by the Standard Oil company that it had no fuel oil for sale to be used for street oiling purposes it was determined, after a lengthy debate to investigate the possibilities of a village pump from which to procure water for street sprinkling. Councilmen Wilson, Canfield and Emison will make the investigation.

Councilmen Cockrum and Emison united in the leadership of the debate in favor of improved street and sidewalk conditions. Both insisted that more definite responsibility be placed on some one to see that the sidewalks are repaired by citizens and that the city do the same for its crosswalks. Councilman Cockrum thought that a blanket instruction be given Street Commissioner Farmer and that he have authority to proceed to do the work.

The discussion resulted in Commissioner Farmer being instructed to report places needing repairs to the street committee whose business it will be to order the work done.

Having been thus empowered to act the committee sought information concerning the amount of money it would have to spend and declared that the balance of \$500 in the sidewalk fund would be spent soon to make the repairs needed.

A short discussion on the general attitude toward the enforcement of ordinances served to divert the attention of the council. The discussion started over a protest filed with one member over the removal of H. L. Poorman's plumbing shop to a lot on Richardson street within the fire limits. It was agreed that while this was not a menace it was starting a precedent which might rise to haunt the present of future councils. Lack of enforcement of ordinances was also cited in the case of sewer connections for which a drastic ordinance was recently passed. Nothing resulted from the discussion.

With the business transacted the council went into executive session to

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BURNS CELEBRATES FOURTH BY STARTING IT'S RAILROAD.

Not to out done by Klamath where the Strahorn railroad celebration was the principal event of the week, the folks out at Burns had a railroad celebration of their own on Wednesday.

One of the big events, if not the big event of the Fourth July celebration at Burns was the turning of the first shovel of dirt for the trainings of the Weston railroad which is to turn from Crane to Burns. It was only a few days before the celebration that Burns folk knew that James E. Weston, who is promoting the road, had secured the necessary backing to proceed, but after they knew it did not take them long to celebrate the fact.

The Weston road is not part of the proposed Strahorn system but is an independent enterprise promoted by Mr. Weston and financed, so it is said, by Boise capitalists.

STAGE IS SET FOR SOLDIER DRAWING

SELECTIVE SERVICE RULES HAVE BEEN PROMULGATED BUT THE DATE FOR LOTTERY HAS NOT BEEN NAMED.

FEW CLASSES ARE EXEMPT

Military Officials Declare That a Million Men Will Be Drawn—Double Guard on Unfairness is Set.

President Wilson at Washington on Monday set in motion the machinery under which the selective service will operate to secure men for the army and the navy. Simple, direct methods have been prescribed and a double guard against favoritism has been established. Political pull has been eliminated, and with the proceedings open to the daylight of publicity there is no chance of official scandal in connection with the drawing.

The following is the outline of the procedure:

Only a very small group of classes of men are exempt from bearing arms. All others must appear before the tribunals. Upon hearing of evidence, they will be discharged or drafted into the army as the case may be. The exact method of the lottery which will determine the men to be selected is left for a later proclamation. Within a few weeks the draft will be made. It is stated that one million men will be drawn in the first levy.

The Exemptions. Men indispensable to industries that are necessary to the maintenance of the military establishment or the national interest.

Men with wives, children, parents, brothers or sisters dependent solely upon them for support.

Members of well-recognized religious sects, whose creeds forbid bearing arms, students of divinity or ordained ministers.

Legislative, judicial and executive officers of the United States or the states of the union.

Men in the army or navy of the United States. Aliens who have not taken first citizenship papers and subjects of Germany.

Workmen in the armories, arsenals and navy yards of the United States and men engaged in the transmission of the United States mails.

Pilots and mariners in the merchant marine of the United States.

Criminals convicted of felonies and the morally deficient.

Board in Each District.

The most vital power—that of deciding which men are indispensable and the necessary industries—is placed in the hands of the district boards. One or more board is created for each federal district in the

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STRAHORN DRIVES SPIKE FOR KLAMATH FALLS ROAD.

Robert Strahorn, the railroad promoter drove the golden spike at the ceremonies at Klamath Falls which marked the starting of construction of the twenty mile railroad from Klamath to Dalry. The ceremonies were attended by thousands of people and were made notable by an address on "Empire Building" by Mr. Strahorn.

The starting of the work on this road is declared to be the first step in the construction of a system of railroad lines in Central Oregon, which will connect all the five roads which now fringe the outskirts of that region. The most important connection will be that at Bend and at that Crane, and of most importance to the people of Ontario and Malheur county, there will be a line from Crane to Bend, thus making the Oregon-Eastern a trans-state, road and the connection link of a transcontinental system.



Photo by American Press Association. REAR ADMIRAL GLEEVES

It was the conveying fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Gleeves that made possible the safe voyage thru the dangerous submarine zone of America's first fighting force to invade Europe. The best piece of Fourth of July news Americans received was the announcement that the last ship had landed safely.

USE SUBSTITUTES AND SAVE FOODS

County Agriculturist, W. W. Howard delivered an intensely interesting and instructive address at the Food Conservation Service at the Congregational Church Sunday morning. The serious situation as outlined by the speaker was, in brief as follows:—

We have used up, by excessive exporting, our bread stuff reserve. The wheat crop of this year is short in all the great wheat producing countries of the world. It is estimated that our entire production of wheat in the United States in 1917 will be six hundred million bushels. In order to do our bit we must send to our Allies four hundred million bushels. This will leave us over one hundred million bushels short of the amount annually consumed in this country. A corresponding shortage may be expected in all cereals and many other foods. In order to win this war, in order to keep ourselves from starvation and at the same time preserve the lives of the millions in Europe depending upon us, in order to keep the price of food stuff from becoming so exorbitant as to be prohibitive this great shortage must be overcome.

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BAKER INSTRUCTED TO SEND MONEY BACK HERE

In a letter received here today Cross, they were informed that the by officials of the Ontario Red headquarters at San Francisco. Instructed the Baker Chapter to return to Ontario its share of the funds sent from here to to Baker, after deducting the expenses of the goods furnished to Ontario.

The letter further stated that this was being done so that when the chapter was granted, which was pending for Ontario the work could proceed. Judging from this statement the charter will be here soon.

Man Creek is Lure That Draws Ontarians to Wilds on Fourth

Among the big picnic parties which left here yesterday to celebrate

Uncle Sam's Natal day in the wilds was one that sought the beauties of Man creek on the Idaho side of the Snake, above Weiser.

The party was made up of six auto loads, each auto representing a family residing in the South end of the city and included the families: C. R. Emison, L. Adam, Frank Hader, J. H.

RED CROSS ROOMS HIVE OF WORKERS

LACK OF WORKERS IS THE ONLY THING THAT RETARDS ACTIVITY OF ONTARIO CHAPTER.

HEADQUARTERS OPEN ALL WEEK

With Establishment of Local Chapter Work Has Progressed—Baker Promises an Accounting—Material is Scarce.

From fifteen to forty women, attractive in their white aprons may be found every day at the Red Cross rooms. They are very busy women, too, and their presence there is meant for business.

To watch the quiet crews of nimble fingers handle the bolts of gauze, fold the cuttings into neat little squares, everyone measured carefully, and to see the piles grow and counted, wrapped and piled into a big box brings to Ontario the first realization of the war.

At first the crews assembled were somewhat timid of the work. They had heard how strict are the specifications maintained for the Red Cross. They knew how expensive the material was and how hard it was to obtain. They had a personal pride in doing things right and they did not want Ontario to suffer the humiliation of having a consignment returned. So they were very careful.

With gathering skill they have acquired confidence and speed so that the work moves on with exactness and dispatch. Altho many of the women members have prepared schedules so that they can work one or two days per week the number is not as large as it should be.

Just now the women are making compasses, tri-angle badges and will start making pajamas when material can be secured. Then on Monday of each week the women collect and prepare for shipment large bundles of magazines. These go to Camp Kelley at South San Antonio, Texas, where most of the Ontario boys are at present.

The officers are daily expecting the return of the authorization for a chapter which has been promised by John L. Clymer, western director of the Red Cross. Also, in anticipation of that chapter, the Baker Chapter is preparing to make an accounting to the local organization for the proportion of the funds of this branch of spent for its benefit, and to return the balance by check.

Almost every day sees the addition of new members to the local chapter until now the number is well over 400, so that in point of membership it is the largest institution in the city.

CITY EXPERIENCES ITS FIRST HOT SPELL OF YEAR

After having passed all of June without trying to roast Ontarians or even essay a record achievement in the way of elevating the mercury Old Sol got his eye on the marcur Monday and started a little demonstration of what he could do.

While it was hot Monday, it grew hotter Tuesday when the hair man's glass tubes went up to 95 degrees at noon and reached 100 at 3:30 p. m.

Wednesday it started out to be real hot but cooled off nicely in the evening so that Ontario enjoyed an ideal night for the band concert.